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SUBJECT: MPLA PRESIDENT GIVES HIS VIEW OF ANGOLA'S FUTURE

1. MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO TALKED WITH THE PRESS IN LISBON ON JANUARY 17 AND AGAIN ON JANUARY 18 IN OPORTO, WHERE HE WENT TO RENEW OLD ACQUAINTANCES AND VISIT THE CELL WHERE HE WAS IMPRISONED FOR THIRTY MONTHS EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO. HE SAID IN OPORTO THAT HE WOULD NOT TAKE PART IN THE NEW ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT, BUT WOULD RETURN TO ANGOLA TO LIVE. HE THOUGHT THE PRESIDENTS OF THE OTHER LIBERATION GROUPS WOULD DO THE SAME. NETO SAID HE WILL CONTINUE ON AS PRESIDENT OF MPLA.

2. IN LISBON, NETO EMPHASIZED THAT ANGOLA MUST BE CAREFUL BECAUSE OF ITS FABULOUS RICHES, WHICH ARE COVETED BY CERTAIN NATIONS. HE ADDED, "WE KNOW, MOREOVER, THAT NOW, AS BEFORE, WE ARE SUBJECT TO FOREIGN PRESSURES THAT WILL CONTINUE TO TRY AND DOMINATE OUR COUNTRY. I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT PORTUGAL...BUT
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ABOUT THOSE THAT HAVE THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, THE LARGE

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COMPANIES, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO PRESSURE THE LIBERATION MOVE-
MENTS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SMALLEST DISAGREEMENTS TO DOMINATE
OUR NATION. WE MUST RESIST THESE PRESSURES AND ONLY WHEN WE ACT
TOGETHER WILL WE BE FREE OF THAT WHICH IS CALLED NEOCOLONIALISM."

3. THE MPLA PRESIDENT SAID THAT THERE WILL BE NO DISCRIMINATION
OF ANY KIND IN ANGOLA, EITHER POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR RACIAL.
ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS HE SAID THAT THE COLONIALIST MINORITY
WILL HAVE TO LOSE THE PRIVILEGES IT ENJOYED DURING CENTRUIES,
BECAUSE ONLY BY THAT MEANS WILL THERE BE A PEACE IN ANGOLA.
"WHAT WE MUST DO IS ENSURE THAT THE ANGOLAN IS A MAN AND NOT A
SUBHUMAN, THAT HE IS A MAN WHO WALKS WITH HIS HEAD HIGH, ABLE
TO BREATH AS A FREE MAN AND ABLE TO LEARN. IF WE DO THIS, NOT
ONLY AFRICA AND THE LUSOPHONE NATIONS WILL BE ENRICHED, BUT THE
ENTIRE WORLD...THIS IS WHAT WE WANT, TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN THE
TRANSFORMATION OF THE MANY THINGS WE BELIEVE MUST BE CHANGED."

4. IN OPORTO, NETO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER THE INDEPENDENCE
AGREEMENT AND SAID THAT INDEPENDENCE WILL MARK NEW A DIRECTION
NOT ONLY FOR AFRICA BUT FOR PORTUGAL, AS WELL. HE WENT ON TO SAY
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PROBLESM TO RESOLVE. CAPITALISM STILL
DOMINATES IN SOME AREAS AND IN OTHERS THE TRIBAL CHIEF. THE
ECONOMY IS ONE OF SUBSISTENCE. "WE HAVE URBAN AREAS WHERE
CAPITALISM HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF STRONGLY IN TERMS OF ACCUMUL-
ATION OF WEALTH AND THE EXPLOITATIVE SYSTEM. THERE IS NO DOUBT
THAT CHANGE WILL OCCUR WITH SOME SHOCKS AND WITH DIFFICULTY."

5. NETO ADDED THAT, "EVEN THOUGH ANGOLA IS A RICH COUNTRY WITH
A GREAT DEAL OF POTENTIAL, IT WILL NEED THE HELP OF THE MOST
DEVELOPED NATIONS...THE EXISTENCE IN ANGOLA OF PETROLEUM, DIAMONDS,
IRON AND OTHER MINERALS HAS FOCUSSED THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD
HERE. THEN THERE ARE THOSE THAT ATTEMPT MEDDLING AND INTERFERENCE
IN ANGOLA AND ARE EAGER TO HAMPER OUR ACTION. WE HAVE THE SITUATION
IN CABINDA, WHERE SOME COUNTRIES WANT TO SUPPORT GROUPS TO
SATISFY THEIR APPETITES. WE ALSO HAVE THE CASE OF CUNENE RIVER
AND THE BORDER WITH KATANGA. IT IS NOT ONLY INDEPENDENCE THAT
WILL BRING US PROBLEMS; THERE IS ALSO THE TENDENCY OF THE
RICHEST COUNTRIES TO IMPOSE THEIR IDEAS. OUS IS THE ONLY NATION
THAT HAS A LONG RAILWAY THAT TRANSPORTS RAW MATERIALS FOR AFRICA.
WE HAVE A COAST RICH IN FISH, WHICH ALSO CAUSES THE INVASION OF
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OUR TERRITORIAL WATERS, BY SOUTH AFRICA, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH
CARRIES ON AERIAL SPOTTING TO CATCH LARGE SCHOOLS OF FISH.

6. NETO SAID THAT THE VICTORY OF ANGOLA IS TRANSCENDENTAL FOR
SOUTHERN AFRICA. A NEW BLOCK IS GOING TO ENTER THE SOCIETY OF
NATIONS. PORTUGAL WILL BENEFIT BECAUSE ITS LANGUAGE WILL BECOME
THAT OF THE FORMER COLONIES. IN CONCLUSION HE SAID, "WE HAVE
AT OUR SIDE A GROUP OF COUNTRIES THAT HELPED US IN THE ARMED

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STRUGGLE, COUNTRIES THAT FOUGHT TO PREVENT NEOCOLONIALISM."
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